

# PUBLIC LEDGER



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## COMMISSIONERS MEET

### CONTINUE COUNTY DEMONSTRATION WORK.

Road Supervisors for the Several Townships of the County Were Named for the Year 1916.

The honorable Board of County Commissioners of Granville County met on Monday last with the following members present: Messrs. B. I. Breedlove, chairman; H. C. Floyd, R. S. Hart and J. L. Peed. Mr. Z. W. Allen was absent on account of severe illness.

John Cooper, colored, Tally Ho, was granted rebate for 1915 poll tax. Mrs. Adaline Fuller was ordered placed on the outside pauper list.

W. H. Sears Fishing Creek, was granted rebate on poll tax. Error in list taker.

Ordered that the time for the overseers to make their reports be set for first Monday in January, 1916.

Clark M. Grissom, Fishing Creek, was exempt from road duty for 1916, on presentation of certificate of physical disability.

Isham Rogers, colored, was placed on outside pauper list.

Travis Bridges, colored, was granted rebate on piano.

S. C. Howard will complete grading and widening the road on the north side of the bridge, the road leading from Howard Nursery to the Virginia State line, the work not to cost over \$15.

The motion to leave the employment of a court stenographer with the county attorney and the chairman of the Board of Commissioners was carried.

W. H. Russell, of Clarksville, Va. was before the Board to complain as to the valuation of his real estate, in Sassafras Fork township. After hearing the list takers and Mr. Russell the Board sustained the action of the list takers.

The following road supervisors were appointed for the several townships for the year 1916:

Fishing Creek—E. C. Harris, B. R. Pitts, J. T. Averett.

Brassfield—W. H. Garner, G. L. Allen, C. N. Floyd.

Dutchville—Dr. John L. Bullock, Ralph Currin, A. G. Fleming.

Tally Ho—W. S. Gooch, E. N. Clement, L. L. Crews.

Walnut Grove—Roy Badgett, J. M. Phillips, W. A. Sherman.

Oak Hill—J. S. Watkins, Chas. Stovall, W. G. Hart.

Sassafras Fork—L. H. Gregory, Elbert Yancey, S. J. Currin.

Salem—E. A. Hunt, L. G. Breedlove, N. G. Crews.

Oxford—C. H. Cheatham, H. H. Eatman, W. J. Currin.

The Board donated the County Attorney \$50 for additional services rendered not covered by his regular salary. Commissioner Hart voting against same.

The county attorney and chairman Breedlove were appointed a committee to settle with the County Treasurer.

Ordered that foreman R. A. Jones, of the road force, equip the convict camps and work all prisoners under control of the county Board until otherwise ordered.

The clerk of the court made his annual report to the Board of County Commissioners. The same was accepted and clerk to Board was instructed to have the same published.

The motion to continue the Farm Demonstration work was carried the county donating \$50 per month toward same. Commissioner R. S. Hart voting against donation.

A committee to look after the court house made the following recommendations: "We, your committee, to examine the court house, examined the conditions of the top of the court house, recommend that a committee be appointed to see a tinner to see if he can put a new top on without leaking, if not to employ an architect."

"J. L. PEED,  
"R. S. HART,  
"H. C. FLOYD."

## OLD SANTA CLAUS IS COMING

(By Jesse Daniel Boone)

Old Santa Claus is coming  
I can feel it in my bones;  
In the cold, damp air, benumbing,  
In the children's softer tones;  
When they answer me or father,  
One can tell it's coming soon,  
For no tasks set seem to bother,  
As they sing some joyful tune.

Johnny wants a knife and rifle,  
And some fireworks, and a sled;  
Willie says he'd rather stifle  
Such poor tastes and go to bed;  
He prefers some books and pictures,  
He would like a chest of tools,  
Or electric things and fixtures,  
With a book of latest rules.

Mary wants a lot of candy,  
Dolls and dresses and a stove;  
And such things as may be handy,  
For housekeeping in the grove.  
But her sister Sue is wanting  
Different sorts of Christmas things,  
Which for weeks have been so haunting  
She wants bracelets, pins and rings.



Some want toys and some want ribbons,  
Some want candles, nuts and fruits;  
Some would like a set of Gibbons,  
Some would like a pair of boots.  
So they've got old Santa guessing,  
And he scarce knows what to do;  
But for all he'll be a blessing,  
And, my child, he'll come to you.

He will ask your folks about you,  
Things you like, and how you live,  
Then if they have cause to doubt you,  
And instruct him what to give,  
He will write them down for reference,  
In his book he'll keep accounts;  
So you'd better show some deference,  
If you'd have a large amount.

Keep your temper, love your mother,  
Mind your teacher when at school;  
Love your sister, and your brother,  
Heed your father's will and rule;  
Then when Santa posts his entries,  
And he writes your name and age,  
He will heed his faithful sentries,  
And your list may fill a page.

### THE BIG REVIVAL

Large Crowds Fill the Presbyterian Church to Hear Rev. D. H. Coman.

The revival services of the Presbyterian church grows in interest. The people in all walks of life delight to hear the Word expounded by Rev. D. H. Coman.

The church every night this week has been filled to the doors. Many people from the surrounding country swell the congregation at the night services.

The singing made up from members of all the church choirs in Oxford, is inspiring. There is an afternoon and night service every day and the meeting will probably continue two weeks longer.

### AN OLD CITIZEN DEAD

Funeral at 2:30 This Friday Afternoon—Interment at Elmwood

Mr. D. T. Cheatham, an aged and highly respected citizen of Salem township fell to sleep last Wednesday night.

The deceased was 77 years of age. He was a follower of General Lee.

Mr. Cheatham joined the Methodist church early in life and died in the faith. He was a kind hearted man and was much beloved by the old and the young.

The funeral services will be held from the Oxford Methodist church at 2:30 this Friday afternoon. Interment at Elmwood cemetery. The deceased is survived by ten children.

They are: Mrs. Smoot, of Salisbury; Mrs. Crawford, Winston-Salem; Mrs. Farabow, of the county, Mrs. Abernethy, of Oxford; Messrs. Clyde and Fred of Youngsville; R. T. and G. Y. of Granville, and J. H. Cheatham, of Richmond.

### LONG AND FAITHFUL SERVICE

Dr. Marsh's Long Service in Flat River Association.

Dr. R. H. Marsh, who is now 78 years young, has to his credit a long and faithful record in the service of His Master. Along about the middle of the past century or to be more exact, in 1865, he began to preach the Gospel in Flat River Association. Briefly told, his interesting record is as follows:

Pastor at Hester church 47 years; pastor at Enon church 31 years; pastor at Tally Ho church 23 years; pastor at Grassy Creek church 14 years; pastor at State Line church 8 years; pastor at Bullock church 11 years; pastor at Dexter church 7 years; pastor of Oxford church 4 years; pastor of Henderson church 4 years. He has been a trustee of Wake Forest College for 45 years; trustee of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary at Louisville for 15 years; president of the North Carolina Baptist State convention for 14 years.

Dr. Marsh is now 78 years of age and is now pastor of Enon, Hester, Bullock and Tabb Creek churches.

### JENKINS-OWENS

Virginia Couple Wed at Exchange Hotel.

A pretty marriage was solemnized in the parlors at the Exchange Hotel at high noon Wednesday when Mr. Ernest Owen and Miss Ruth Jenkins were pronounced one by Rev. S. K. Phillips.

The party came over from Red Oak Charlotte county, Va., on the morning train and were accompanied by friends. The marriage vows were taken in the presence of about fifty people, mostly guests of the hotel.

The bride is very pretty and was extremely neat in a handsome traveling gown of gray cloth. The groom is a tall, good looking young man about 24 years old. They are members of the very best families in Charlotte county and their coming to Oxford to be married quietly was nothing more than a caper of Cupid.

## THE DEMONSTRATION WORK

MUCH GOOD HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED

The Commissioners Vote Fifty Dollars Per Month for the Cause—One Vote Against the Proposition.

There has been much comment of late in regard to the farm demonstration work in Granville. Every broad minded progressive farmer knows that a farm demonstrator is essential to the county. But there are some farmers "who know all there is to be known about farming," so it is useless for the demonstrator to talk with that class. They are the ones that have thrown themselves against demonstration work as they cannot be taught anything. But those that do "not know it all" are more reasonable.

The editor of the Public Ledger is frank to admit that if we were going to plant a crop we would be very thankful to consult some one who knew more about farming than we do. We take it for granted that there are hundreds in Granville county in the same fix.

Many well informed farmers of the county have told us that they have been greatly benefitted by the demonstration work, and in this way we were lead to believe that the work is absolutely essential to the progress of the county.

The question came up before the Board of County Commissioners last Monday and they voted fifty dollars per month to continue the good work. The Public Ledger feels that they did the right thing, but we notice in the minutes of the Board that one Commissioner registered his protest against the proposition. We respect the opinion of the dissenting Commissioner as he is one of the very best farmers in the county, a man who has studied the soil and conditions of the county and there can be no doubt that he voted his honest convictions.

The people in many of the counties of the State realize that the demonstration work in these counties has been beneficial. This is especially so in New Hanover county. They realized that their farm demonstrator was partly the cause of the success of the Corn Show, and for that reason they presented him with a beautiful gold watch and \$50.00 in cash for his faithful work.

### MADAM BUTTERFLY

Mr. W. H. Moore Captures Beautiful Ruby Ring.

The Oxford Jewelry Company put on a novel guessing contest two or three weeks ago. A huge butterfly, operated by pressure, was put to work in the window. The public was given a chance to register a guess. The contest came to a close last Wednesday evening and the editor of the Public Ledger was requested to be present at the opening of the box, in to which 361 names and as many guesses had been deposited during the life of the contest.

Before opening the box, a sealed letter was brought from the safe. On opening the letter it was found that "Madam Butterfly" flapped her wings 29,673 times in eight hours.

There were some wild guesses, ranging from 100 to 1,000,000, but many of the guesses ranged around 28,000, which signified that the wings of the butterfly had been timed by the public.

Mr. W. H. Moore, who guessed "29,760", was declared the winner of the guaranteed genuine synthetic ruby ring, his guess being the nearest the registered number of times the butterfly flapped her wings.

### Figures and Names

Turn to the last page of this paper and see what Mr. I. W. Mangum, proprietor of the Minor Warehouse, says. The names and the figures tell an interesting story.

### WILL HAVE MODERN HOME

Judge Cam Hunt Buys the Home of His Childhood.

The many friends of Judge Cam Hunt will learn with pleasure that he is to have a modern home. It has been his desire for many years to have a home large enough to entertain his thousands of friends in Granville and now that he has purchased the home of his childhood on Front street his smile is broader than ever. Of course the popular county official cannot hope to entertain all of his friends at one time, but he is one among a thousand who feel that there is nothing too good for his friends.

The old dwelling will be turned around, electric lights, water, sewerage and broad porches will be added. It will probably be ready for occupancy by early spring.

Three or four weeks ago, at the time the Hunt estate was sold at public auction, the home at the corner of Front and Raleigh streets where Judge Hunt now lives, was sold. He and his family will reside there until his new home is ready for occupancy.

### BAPTIST STATE CONVENTION

Rev. W. N. Johnson Elected Corresponding Secretary.

The Baptist State Convention in Charlotte this week elected Rev. Walter N. Johnson, pastor of the Wake Forest Baptist Church, corresponding secretary of Missions to succeed Rev. Livingston Johnson, resigned.

The convention took three ballots. It declined to adopt any rules which would eliminate any nominees. Seven men were placed in nomination. The third ballot resulted in the election of Rev. W. N. Johnston, who received 318 votes, a majority of 113.

Rev. C. E. Maddy, of Raleigh, asked prior to the ballot that his name be withdrawn, but he received 44 votes, and Rev. C. H. Durham, Winston-Salem received 36. There were twelve scattering ballots. Immediately the convention made the election unanimous. He is a native born North Carolinian, educated at Wake Forest. His work in erecting the meeting house at Wake Forest was monumental. He is recognized as one of the forceful men of the State.

### Statistics

The statistical report shows that during the past year there have been baptized into the denomination 17,903 people. This is a gain of 3,187 over last year and of 4,639 over 1913. There are now 268,088 Baptist communicants in North Carolina.

The amount reported for convention objects is as follows: State missions, \$50,214.44; home missions, \$31,341.96; foreign missions, \$49,542.26; Sunday-school missions, \$3,040.17; orphanage, \$54,550.47; Christian education, \$15,018.34; ministerial relief, \$4,488.30. Total, \$208,195.94.

### BLACK LEG ERADICATED

The State Comes to the Rescue of the County.

Dr. E. G. Hargett, assistant State Veterinarian, has been in Granville county for the past few days wrestling with the terrible disease known as the Black Leg.

The disease made its appearance in the northern part of Granville one month ago and threatened to sweep everything in front of it. The matter was referred to the proper State officials with the result that Dr. E. G. Hargett was dispatched to the county. Dr. Hargett assures the Public Ledger that the disease is under control.

### The Studebaker Cars

Mr. J. N. Norwood, proprietor of the Granville Garage, is the agent for the Studebaker cars in this section of the State. He has already placed six of these handsome cars. There is no better car on the market. See the picture of the handsome car on the second and ninth pages of this paper.

## THE RALEIGH DISTRICT

REV. R. H. WILLIS COMES TO OXFORD CHURCH

Conference Takes Good Care of Dr. Tyer, Who Goes to Beaufort—Appointments for Raleigh District.

All good people will be glad to learn that the conference took good care of Dr. A. P. Tyer, the faithful servant of the Lord who has been with us for the past four years. He goes to Beaufort to preach to one of the best congregations in Eastern North Carolina and watch the sun come up out of the deep blue sea. It is an ideal place to live.

Dr. Tyer's appointment brings to mind an incident that transpired while we were superintending the Odd Fellows orphan home at Goldsboro several years ago. At that time we enjoyed the friendship of the late Dr. Swindell, pastor of St. Paul's Methodist church. He was a good Odd Fellow, Chaplain of the Grand Lodge, a fine speaker and a sincere preacher. He had a large pile of unrevised manuscripts which he wished to convert into book form.

In speaking of the manuscript one day he intimated to us that it had long been his desire to receive the Beaufort appointment, so that he could put the finishing touches to his book. We shook his hand the morning he departed for Conference and the next time we saw him he was a presiding elder, but the desire to live preach and work down by the sea remained with him until the last.

### The New Pastor

Rev. R. H. Willis, former presiding elder of Warrenton District, comes to the Oxford Methodist church. He is a strong preacher and he will be received here with open hands by all good people.

Rev. C. A. Jones, whose four years will not expire until the fall of 1918, was returned to the Oxford Circuit. The appointments in the Raleigh Districts were made as follows:

### Raleigh District

J. E. Underwood, presiding elder; Benson circuit, J. T. Stanford; Cary circuit, B. P. Robinson; Clayton, T. A. Sikes; Four Oaks circuit, T. E. Davis; Franklinton circuit, J. H. Buffalo; Garner circuit, E. B. Craven; Granville circuit, M. D. Hix; Johnston circuit, J. G. Johnson; Kenly district, A. J. Parker; Louisburg circuit, A. D. Wilcox; Millbrook circuit, L. E. Sawyer; Oxford, R. H. Willis; Oxford circuit, C. A. Jones; Raleigh—Central, J. H. McCracken; Edenton Street, M. Bradshaw; J. O. Guthrie, supernumerary; Epworth, A. S. Parker; Jenkins Memorial, J. W. Potter; Selma, Frank Culbreth; Smithfield, R. B. John; Tar River circuit, B. C. Allred; Zebulon circuit, G. W. Starling; superintendent N. C. Anti-Saloon League, R. L. Davis; editor Raleigh Christian Advocate, L. S. Massey; superintendent Methodist orphanage, A. S. Barnes; editor Nashville Christian Advocate, T. N. Ivey; assistant secretary Epworth League, J. M. Culbreth.

### HOPEWELL IN ASHES

The Powder City Destroyed by Raging Flames

Fire broke out at Hopewell Thursday evening and did \$3,000,000 damage in short order and made 10,000 people homeless. A negro was lynched and four white men shot by troops for looting. The great powder plants of Dupont Company were saved from destruction. Richmond and Petersburg sent fire fighters. The fire is thought to be the work of a German spy.

### THE COUNTY CAGE

Eleven Prisoners Working the Roads of Granville.

The prison cage is again in use. Eleven prisoners have been sent over to the Creedmoor section to work the roads. Road Foreman Jones will see that they put in a full day's work.

### Christmas Novelties

If any one don't believe that the Christmas spirit is abroad in the land let them drop into J. G. Hall's drug store. The big building is chuck full of Christmas goods. It was generally believed that many toys and novelties would be much higher this year on account of the European war, but such is not the case at Hall's.

### Merry Christmas

The National Bank of Granville has formed a "Christmas Savings Club." There is no charge to join. Full particulars are set forth in a statement on the last page of this paper. It is one of the best ways to save yet devised.

### TAX BOOKS OPENED

The tax books are opened for collection now. There will be no ground this year and all Taxes not settled at office will go out for collection after Christmas. Please make settlement promptly.

Yours very truly,  
S. C. HOBGOOD, Sheriff.